

Listing of Claims

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listing of claims in the application. Please note that claims 1-45 are being canceled and claims 46-69 are being added.

1. (Canceled) A cleaning device comprising a hollow member having an open end for the insertion of a finger, said hollow member comprising a base web, said base web comprising an elastic nonwoven material, said hollow member defining a texturized surface configured to clean the teeth and gums of a user.
2. (Canceled) A cleaning device as defined in claim 1, wherein the texturized surface comprises looped bristles.
3. (Canceled) A cleaning device as defined in claim 1, wherein said elastic nonwoven comprises an elastic component and a non-elastic component.
4. (Canceled) A cleaning device as defined in claim 1, wherein said device includes a closed end located opposite said open end.
5. (Canceled) A cleaning device as defined in claim 1, wherein said elastic nonwoven comprises a stretch bonded laminate.
6. (Canceled) A cleaning device as defined in claim 1, wherein said elastic nonwoven comprises a neck-bonded laminate.
7. (Canceled) A cleaning device as defined in claim 1, wherein said open end is configured to receive two fingers of a user.
8. (Canceled) A cleaning device as defined in claim 1, wherein said hollow member includes a first panel attached to a second panel, said first panel comprising said elastic nonwoven material, while said second panel comprises a non-elastic material.
9. (Canceled) A cleaning device as defined in claim 1, wherein said base web further comprises a moisture barrier.
10. (Canceled) A cleaning device as described in claim 1, wherein an additive has been applied to said cleaning device, said additive comprising a material selected from a the group consisting of cationic materials, fluorides, flavoring agents, and mixtures thereof.

11. (Canceled) A cleaning device as described in claim 1, wherein an anti-ulcer agent has been applied to said device.

12. (Canceled) A cleaning device as defined in claim 1, further comprising a fastening mechanism attached to said hollow member, said fastening mechanism comprising a fastening portion configured to be attached to a finger, said fastening mechanism further comprising a linking portion attaching said fastening portion to said hollow member.

13. (Canceled) A cleaning device as defined in claim 10, wherein said additive comprises an encapsulated flavoring agent.

14. (Canceled) A cleaning device as defined in claim 1, further comprising a sealed package enclosing said cleaning device.

15. (Canceled) A cleaning device as defined in claim 8, wherein said second panel comprises said texturized surface, said second panel having a basis weight of greater than about 3.5 osy.

16. (Canceled) A cleaning device as defined in claim 8, wherein said non-elastic material comprises a nonwoven material containing fibers having a first diameter and fibers having a second diameter, wherein said first diameter is larger than said second diameter.

17. (Canceled) A cleaning device comprising a hollow member having an open end for the insertion of a finger, said hollow member comprising a nonwoven component and an elastic component, said elastic component allowing said hollow member to be stretched and contracted for providing said cleaning device with form fitting properties.

18. (Canceled) A cleaning device as defined in claim 17, wherein said hollow member defines a texturized surface, said texturized surface comprising looped bristles, said looped bristles having a height of from about 1 mm to about 20 mm.

19. (Canceled) A cleaning device as defined in claim 17, wherein said nonwoven component and said elastic component are combined together in a laminate.

20. (Canceled) A cleaning device as defined in claim 17, wherein said hollow member includes a first panel attached to a second panel, said first panel comprising said elastic component while said second panel comprises a non-elastic component.

21. (Canceled) A cleaning device as defined in claim 20, wherein said non-elastic component comprises a through air bonded nonwoven web containing bicomponent fibers, said through air bonded nonwoven web defining a texturized surface.

22. (Canceled) A cleaning device as defined in claim 20, wherein said non-elastic component comprises a laminate, said laminate defining a texturized surface comprising a spunbond web.

23. (Canceled) A cleaning device as defined in claim 17, wherein said hollow member defines a texturized surface, said texturized surface comprising a point unbonded material.

24. (Canceled) A cleaning device as defined in claim 23, wherein said point unbonded material comprises a plurality of tufts, each of said tufts having a height of at least 0.02 inches.

25. (Canceled) A cleaning device as defined in claim 23, wherein said point unbonded material comprises a plurality of tufts surrounded by bonded regions, and wherein said bonded regions have been ultrasonically bonded.

26. (Canceled) An oral cleaning device comprising:
a hollow member having an open end for the insertion of a finger, said hollow member comprising an elastic nonwoven material, said elastic nonwoven material allowing said hollow member to be stretched and contracted for providing said hollow member with form fitting properties, said hollow member defining a cleaning surface configured to contact the teeth and gums of a user, said cleaning surface being treated with an anti-ulcer component.

27. (Canceled) An oral cleaning device as defined in claim 26, wherein said anti-ulcer component comprises an antibiotic.

28. (Canceled) An oral cleaning device as defined in claim 27, wherein said antibiotic is selected from the group consisting of tetracycline, metronidazole, bismuth, omeprazole, and combinations thereof.

29. (Canceled) An oral cleaning device as defined in claim 26, wherein said anti-ulcer component comprises an additive selected from the group consisting of

sucralfate, H2-blockers, tetracycline, metronidazole, bismuth, omeprazole, and combinations thereof.

30. (Canceled) An oral cleaning device as defined in claim 26, wherein said cleaning surface comprises a texturized surface.

31. (Canceled) An oral cleaning device comprising:
a hollow member having an open end for the insertion of a finger, said hollow member comprising a first panel attached to a second panel, said first panel comprising an elastic component, said second panel comprising a nonwoven component, said second panel comprising a texturized surface configured to clean the teeth and gums of a user.

32. (Canceled) An oral cleaning device as defined in claim 31, wherein said texturized surface comprises looped bristles.

33. (Canceled) An oral cleaning device as defined in claim 31, wherein said elastic component comprises a stretch bonded laminate.

34. (Canceled) An oral cleaning device as defined in claim 31, wherein said elastic component comprises a neck bonded laminate.

35. (Canceled) An oral cleaning device as defined in claim 31, wherein said elastic component comprises an elastic nonwoven material.

36. (Canceled) An oral cleaning device as defined in claim 31, wherein said first panel is connected to said second panel in a manner that forms a seam, said hollow member being inverted such that said seam is located on the inside of said oral cleaning device.

37. (Canceled) An oral cleaning device as defined in claim 31, wherein said first panel is connected to said second panel in a manner that forms a seam, said seam including a plurality of spaced apart microcuts.

38. (Canceled) An oral cleaning device as defined in claim 31, wherein said texturized surface has been treated with an anti-ulcer composition.

39. (Canceled) An oral cleaning device as defined in claim 31, wherein said nonwoven component comprises a material selected from the group consisting of spunbonded webs, meltblown webs, spunbonded/meltblown/spunbonded webs, spunbonded/meltblown webs, and bonded carded webs.

40. (Canceled) An oral cleaning device as defined in claim 31, wherein said texturized surface comprises crimped fibers.

41. (Canceled) An oral cleaning device as defined in claim 31, wherein said texturized surface comprises shaped fibers.

42. (Canceled) An oral cleaning device as defined in claim 31, wherein said texturized surface comprises a point unbonded material, said point unbonded material comprising a plurality of raised tufts surrounded by bonded regions.

43. (Canceled) An oral cleaning device as defined in claim 42, wherein said tufts have a height of at least 0.02 inches.

44. (Canceled) An oral cleaning device as defined in claim 31, wherein said nonwoven component comprises a laminate including a moisture barrier layer positioned in between a first nonwoven web and second nonwoven web.

45. (Canceled) An oral cleaning device as defined in claim 31, wherein said elastic component comprises an elastic material positioned in between a first nonwoven web and a second nonwoven web.

46. (New) A finger glove comprising:

a hollow member having an open end for the insertion of a finger, said hollow member comprising a first panel attached to a second panel, said first panel comprising a nonwoven material, said second panel comprising an elastic nonwoven material, said first panel being connected to said second panel in a manner that forms a seam, said seam including a plurality of spaced apart microcuts.

47. (New) A finger glove as defined in claim 46, wherein said first panel includes a texturized surface.

48. (New) A finger glove as defined in claim 47, wherein said texturized surface comprises looped bristles.

49. (New) A finger glove as defined in claim 47, wherein said texturized surface comprises a point unbonded material, said point unbonded material comprising a plurality of raised tufts surrounded by bonded regions.

50. (New) A finger glove as defined in claim 46, wherein said elastic nonwoven material comprises a stretch bonded laminate.

51. (New) A finger glove as defined in claim 46, wherein said elastic nonwoven material comprises a neck bonded laminate.

52. (New) A finger glove as defined in claim 46, wherein said hollow member has been inverted such that said seam is located on the inside of said glove.

53. (New) A finger glove as defined in claim 46, wherein said nonwoven material comprises a laminate including a moisture barrier layer positioned in between a first nonwoven web and a second nonwoven web.

54. (New) A finger glove as defined in claim 46, wherein said elastic nonwoven material comprises an elastic material positioned in between a first nonwoven web and a second nonwoven web.

55. (New) A finger glove as defined in claim 46, wherein the microcuts are spaced less than about 0.5 cm apart.

56. (New) A finger glove as defined in claim 46, wherein the microcuts are at least 0.1 cm in length.

57. (New) A cleaning device comprising:
a first hollow member having an open end for the insertion of a first finger, the first hollow member comprising a base web, the hollow member further defining a texturized surface configured to clean the teeth and gums of a user;

a second hollow member having an open end for the insertion of a second finger, the second hollow member comprising a base web; and

a connecting portion for connecting the first hollow member to the second hollow member.

58. (New) A cleaning device as defined in claim 57, wherein the base web of the first hollow member and the base web of the second hollow member both comprise an elastic nonwoven material.

59. (New) A cleaning device as defined in claim 57, wherein the second hollow member defines a texturized surface.

60. (New) A cleaning device as defined in claim 57, wherein the texturized surface comprises looped bristles.

61. (New) A cleaning device as defined in claim 58, wherein the elastic nonwoven material of the first hollow member and of the second hollow member comprises an elastic component and a non-elastic component.

62. (New) A cleaning device as defined in claim 57, wherein the first hollow member and the second hollow member include a closed end located opposite each open end.

63. (New) A cleaning device as defined in claim 58, wherein at least the elastic nonwoven material of the first hollow member or the elastic nonwoven material of the second hollow member comprises a stretch bonded laminate.

64. (New) A cleaning device as defined in claim 58, wherein at least the elastic nonwoven material of the first hollow member or the elastic nonwoven material of the second hollow member comprises a neck-bonded laminate.

65. (New) A cleaning device as defined in claim 57, wherein the first hollow member includes a first panel attached to a second panel, the first panel comprising an elastic nonwoven material, while the second panel comprises a non-elastic material.

66. (New) A cleaning device as defined in claim 65, wherein the second hollow member also includes a first panel attached to a second panel, the first panel comprising an elastic nonwoven material, while the second panel comprises a non-elastic material.

67. (New) A cleaning device as defined in claim 57, wherein an additive has been applied to the cleaning device, the additive comprising a material selected from the group consisting of cationic materials, fluorides, flavoring agents, and mixtures thereof.

68. (New) A cleaning device as defined in claim 57, wherein the texturized surface comprises a point unbonded material, the point unbonded material comprising a plurality of raised tufts surrounded by bonded regions.

69. (New) A cleaning device as defined in claim 67, wherein the connecting portion comprises dental floss.